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SUBJ :SMITH SAYS NO DRAMATIC CHANGES TO COME  
IN RHODESIA

1. NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE OF PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH GIVES FURTHER INDICATION OF DIFFICULTIES WHICH LIE AHEAD FOR SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. SPEAKING IN NATIONWIDE RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCAST JANUARY 1, SMITH WARNED RHODESIANS THAT INITIAL PHASE OF SETTLEMENT PROCESS 'COULD TURN OUT TO BE LONG AND DIFFICULT JOURNEY.'

2. SMITH TOLD RHODESIANS TO REJECT SPECULATION INVOLVING WHAT HE TERMED 'OUTRAGEOUS THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS.' HE STATED BLUNTLY, 'THERE ARE GOING TO BE NO DRAMATIC CHANGES IN RHODESIA.' SMITH AVERRED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO BRING BLACK RHODESIANS INTO GOVERNMENT AND LET THEM  
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PLAY A PART'.

3. JANUARY 2 ACTION BY RHODESIAN GOVT HAS CREATED NEW IRRITANT IN SETTLEMENT SCENE. ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS, SIX MEMBERS OF AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (ANC) WERE REFUSED PERMISSION TO GO TO ZAMBIA TO MEET BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS WAS DELIBERATE MOVE OR ANOTHER MISUNDERSTANDING. IN PRESS CONFERENCE, HOWEVER,ANC DESCRIBED DENIAL OF PERMISSION AS 'ANOTHER ITEM IN LONG LIST OF POLITICAL BLUNDERS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCUMULATING AT UNPRECEDENT RATE SINCE 1965.'

4. COMMENT: SMITH'S PROMISE OF 'NO DRASTIC CHANGES' EMPHASIZES GAP BETWEEN WHAT AFRICAN NATIONALISTS WANT AND WHAT SMITH GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CONCEDE AT THIS STAGE. BLOCKING OF ATTEMPT BY ANC LEADERS TO MEET WITH CALLAGHAN, WHETHER INTENTIONAL OR NOT ON PART OF RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES, IS NOT LIKELY TO BE LAST CSNAG ON WAY TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM.

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